

Reconsideration is also requested of the rejection of claims 5 and 6 which are directed to a kit comprising components uniquely suitable for performing the method claims of making presentation folders. It is not seen how, as the Examiner contends, the components of the kit of claims 5 and 6 can be used to practice another and materially different process. Therefore, the Examiner is requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejection of claims 5 and 6 since these claims may properly be maintained with claims 1-4 in one application.

Briefly, applicant's invention is defined by claim 1 as follows:

1. A method of making a presentation folder having attached pockets, which method comprises:
 - (a) forming a fold line in a generally rectangular sheet folder, said fold line dividing said sheet into a left folder panel, and a right folder panel, each of said panels having a longer side edge, a top side edge and a bottom side edge,
 - (b) forming a fold line in at least one generally rectangular pocket sheet, said fold line dividing said pocket sheet into two half panels, an upper panel and a lower panel, each of said panels having longer side edges, a short top edge and a short tapered bottom edge, said short bottom edge having a glue flap defined by a longer top side, a shorter bottom side and two side edges,
 - (c) folding said glue flap by folding said bottom edge over said top edge of said glue flap,
 - (d) providing two peelable double sided adhesive strips on said glue flap,
 - (e) removing said double-sided adhesive strips and attaching said pocket sheet to one half of said rectangular sheet.

The remaining method claims, i.e., claims 2 , 3 and 4, are dependent on claim 1 directly or indirectly.

With respect to claims 1-4, it is submitted that the Examiner's rejection is based on focusing on the ultimate product, i.e., the folder, rather than the method of forming the folder. Even though there are some similarities in the concepts, there are some differences which must be considered in applying the Welt patent against the present method claims. More specifically, the Examiner's attention is invited to paragraphs (b), (c), (d) and (e) of claim 1 and comparing the formation of the pocket in claim 1 with the formation of the pocket in the Welt patent. As it can be readily ascertained from claim 1, paragraph (b), applicant's method uses a rectangular pocket sheet having a fold line that divides the pocket sheet into two almost identical panels, an upper panel, and a lower panel. This is clearly shown in Figures 2 and 4 of the present application. One of the panels has a glue flap which is provided on its surface with two (upper and lower) adhesive strips which are peeled off prior to attaching the pocket sheet to the folder panel as shown in Figure 6 and described in the specification, at pages 8-9.

In contrast, the Welt patent, in its figure 3, shows a pocket forming sheet 20 with no central fold lines but having two score lines; a side score fold line 22, and a bottom scored fold line 24, two tabs, a side tab 28 and a bottom tab 30, the two tabs being perpendicular to each other, with adhesive tapes 44 being pre-applied to the tabs. In order to form the pocket in the folder panels, the tabs must be manually folded, the adhesive tapes removed and applied to the panel folder. Care must be taken however in applying the tabs which are at right angles to one another and are covered with adhesive since this procedure often

proves to be a tedious task and is a time consuming procedure. For convenience of comparison and illustration of the differences between the pocket sheet of applicant's invention and Welt's pocket sheet, thus are reproduced below side-by-side. The reference numerals are identified in accordance with the corresponding designations in the present application or the Welt patent as may be the case.

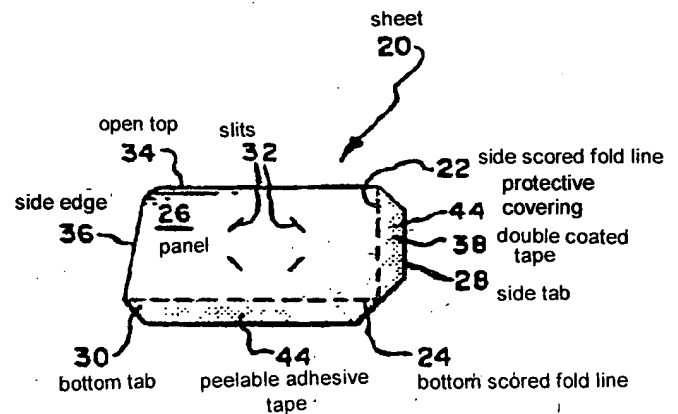
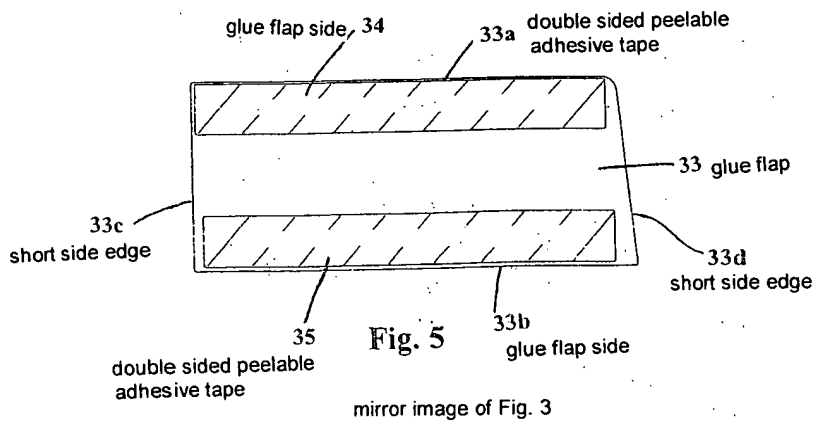
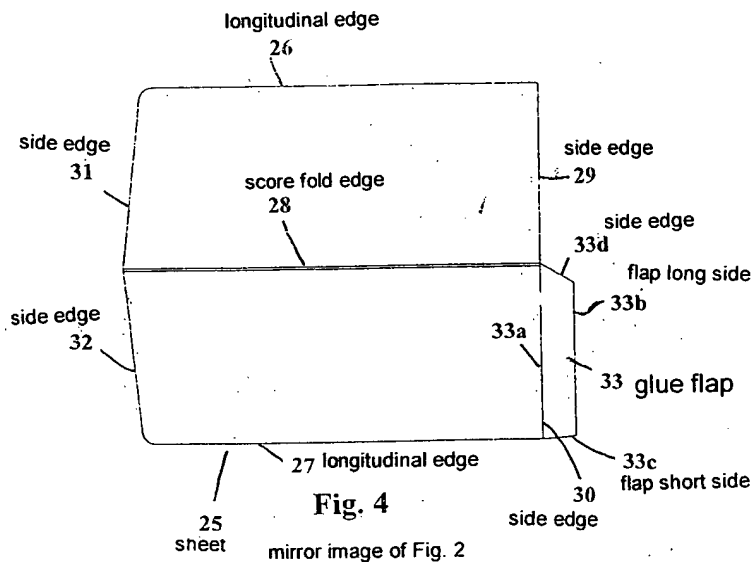


Fig. 3

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Thus, as it can be seen from the foregoing comparisons, not only applicant's pocket sheet differ from the pocket sheet described by the Welt patent, applicant's pocket sheet affords a different, simpler and less complicated method of forming a pocket in the presentation folder.

Claims 2, 3 and 4 depend on claim 1 directly or indirectly, and hence they are also distinguishable from the method disclosed by the Welt patent.

The remaining references, which have been cited but not applied against the claims, have been considered but are not seen to disclose or suggest the method of this invention.

For the foregoing reasons, a favorable action is requested on all method claims of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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